

acquire greatness and nobility of character—for it is fame and wealth—that no one dare blot, barter or question. A good character is the only thing that lasts, the only thing worth fighting for and with education, the only thing lawyers or schemers cannot take away. Death cannot change it. It has imprinted its stamp on the soul, and walks through the valley of shadows to the throne of God, to be accepted there.

For the young, who have determined to make themselves all they are capable of and to aim high let them especially cherish good fellowship, guard it always, and encourage it.—There is but one wish—that is that 1904 will strengthen us for our duties and knowing we are right we do all in our power to accomplish our aims well and honorably.

We read in the Old Testament, that the Ark of the Covenant, having rested for a few moments in the house of Obededom, a sweet perfume filled the place. Our Lord, in the same manner, by the image of His Sacred Heart, desires to spread a celestial perfume in our Churches and in our houses. He therefore asks that it be set up and honored in our homes, and that it should occupy the best place.

Alas! human respect has so weakened religious sentiment, that many families fear ridicule, in thus honoring the Sacred Heart. In the bed-room, or in the kitchen.....there may possibly be a picture of this kind; but in the parlor! Oh! no;.....every one would see it! Yet, to whom should we pay greater respect than to Jesus Christ, our God and our Savior, the source of our eternal happiness? If He is our King and our Master, if He is our loving Redeemer, He has a right to the place of honor. No one, be he king or emperor, should blush to honor the king of kings, the living God.

In the time of Louis XIV., Our Lord earnestly desired that the image of His Heart should be placed on the Standard of France. His request was unheeded. Why? we know not; but we do know that France is no better off for that.